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1. The Bolivian government has reportedly authorized the creation of a new regiment of Carabineros under the direction of Director-General of the Bolivian National Police Isaac Vincenti. The new regiment, which is now recruiting members, will be composed of new men and will not be formed from other units of the Carabineros in Bolivia. The new regiment, which will have a full strength of one thousand members, will be stationed in the city of La Paz and will be known as the "Regimiento Constitucional La Paz." It will be in addition to the "Regimiento 21 de Julio," which is also located in La Paz. It is expected that the new regiment will be fully constituted by 15 November 1947.
2. Enemies opposed to the creation of this new regiment informed the President of the Republic that Isaac Vincenti was now getting to be the most powerful man in Bolivia and that they believed that he was plotting for the day when he would attempt to overthrow the President. Army officers are believed to have been the most strenuous opponents of this increase in Carabinero strength. Vincenti apparently enjoys the full confidence of the President, due in great measure to a strong personal friendship which arose between them while they were confined in prison during the Villarroel government.
3. It is further known that Vincenti has long been anxious for a diplomatic assignment abroad. Several months ago it was reported that he was going to be appointed Consul-General of Bolivia in New York City. However, he was induced by the President to continue for a while as Director-General of Police.
4. One of the main reasons which Vincenti gives for his wishing to resign and leave Bolivia is the fact that he fears for his life. Several attempts have been made to assassinate Vincenti since the revolution of 21 July 1946. His home is constantly guarded by one dozen armed Carabineros. He sees or admits no visitors in his home, which is at the end of a dead-end street. When travelling in his official limousine, in addition to the chauffeur, he has a bodyguard who carries a loaded sub-machine gun on his lap concealed from view.

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